

# 4 Paws for Ability

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### What is 4 Paws?

4 paws is a nonprofit organization that trains and places service dogs with children to increase the independence of the child and assist the families.

### Volunteer Areas:

Playhouse Pal  
Puppy and Papillon Partner  
Field Friend  
Bath Buddy  
Socializing Specialist

### Questions:

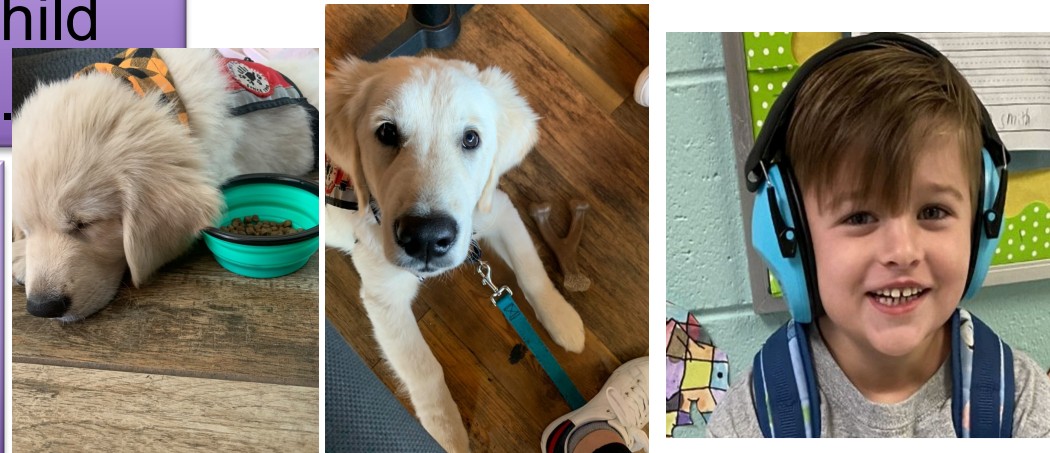
Why Does This Work Matter?

Without volunteers, 4 Paws would be unable to operate as an organization. Kids like the boy to the left who at the age of three was diagnosed with autism and struggles with communication, anxiety, and wandering off would not be able to seek comfort in a service dog.

### What Did I Do?

### What Did I Find Out?

### Recommendations?



We typically train the following breeds:

- Golden Retriever
- Golden Labrador
- Labrador Retriever
- Golden Doodle
- Papillon
- Newfoundland mix
- Standard Poodle
- German Shepherd
- German Retriever

We train dogs for the following tasks (click on the links for more information):

- [Hearing Ear Dogs](#)
- [Autism Assistance Dogs](#)
- [Mobility Assistance Dogs](#)
- [Seizure Alert Dogs](#)
- [Diabetic Alert Dogs](#)
- [Fetal Alcohol/Drug Exposure Assistance Dogs](#)
- [Facilitated Guide Dogs](#)
- [Multipurpose Assistance Dogs](#)
- [Veteran Assistance Dogs](#)

